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SUBJ: ISRAELI COMMENTS ON SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE  
MEETING IN DAKAR

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1. THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE LABOR PARTY DELEGATION TO  
THE EXECUTVE MEETING OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL IN  
DAKAR (SHIMON PERES, MICHAL HARISH, NAVA ARAD) ARE  
PLEASED WITH THE RECEPTION THEY RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT  
SENGHOR, MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND WITH THEIR  
EXPOSURE ON TELEVISION AND IN THE PRESS. SENGHOR MET  
PERES AT THE AIRPORT AND THE DELEGATION WAS THE ONLY ONE  
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HOUSED IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, WHICH DISPLAYED THE  
ISRAELI FLAG.

2. ACCORDING TO HARISH AND ARAD, FORMAL LIAISON WILL BE  
ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE UNION PROGRESSISTE SENEGALAISE  
(UPS) AND THE ISRAELI LABOR PARTY. SENGHOR TOLD THE  
ISRAELIS OF HIS PERSONAL SYMPATHY AND FRIENDSHIP FOR

THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND CLAIMED THAT ONE OF HIS SONS WAS MARRIED TO A JEWISH WIFE AND THAT THERE WAS ALSO JEWISH BLOOD IN HIS ANCESTRY.

3. THE ISRAELIS HOPE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACTS THEY ESTABLISHED COULD EVENTUALLY PUT SOME RESTRAINT ON THE OFTEN MECHANICAL AFRICAN ENDORSEMENT OF HOSTILE ARAB POSITIONS IN THE UN AND ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. THEY WERE ESPECIALLY GRATIFIED THAT THEY RECEIVED A WARM PUBLIC WELCOME A WEEK AFTER THE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE WITH ITS HEAVILY ANTI-ISRAELI OVERTONES HAD MET IN DAKAR. THE LABOR PARTY DELEGATES TOOK SOME FURTHER SATISFACTION THAT THEY COULD ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHICH WERE BEYOND THE PALE FOR THE LIKUD GOVERNMENT.

4. WHILE THE ISRAELIS HAD SUPPORTED FULL MEMBERSHIP FOR THE UPS IN THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL AS WELL AS ACCORDING THE EGYPTIAN SOCIALIST UNION OBSERVER STATUS, THEY REMAIN APPREHENSIVE THAT MORE AND MORE THIRD WORLD PARTIES, OFTEN ANTITHETIC TO ISRAEL, ARE RECEIVING OBSERVER STATUS AND THEN FULL MEMBERSHIP IN THE SI. HOWEVER, THEY SEE THIS TREND AS INEVITABLE AND ARE TRYING TO MAKE THE BEST OF IT AT MEETINGS SUCH AS THE RECENT ONE IN DAKAR. ISRAELIS KNOW THAT IN THIS EFFORT THEY ARE CLIMBING A STEEP, STEEP HILL. LEWIS  
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